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The world isn't ending in three years, and movies like "2012" only perpetuate mindless hysteria.



Jeremy Aaron
First-year advertising student

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BLOOD DRIVE



Carolina/Clemson
Blood Drive

Help fuel the competition between USC and Clemson by participating in the Carolina/Clemson Annual Blood Drive! See Page 4 for times and locations.

Panel talks world sustainability

Students discuss global issues as part of International Education Week

Sarah Peterman
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday evening, students from around the world gathered to discuss what sustainability looked like in their home countries.

"Putting a Face on Global Sustainability" was a panel discussion sponsored by many different departments on campus as a part of International Education Week.

It began with a sampling of food from the featured countries: India, Ghana, Madagascar and South Korea. The students then gave a brief presentation on the successes and challenges of sustainability efforts in their home countries.

"We are going to hear from people who deal with these issues in a very real way," Ed Carr, a professor from the geography department and moderator of the panel, said.

A student from India summed up what each of the presentations said as a whole, "People live life based on needs instead of wants."

While sustainability in the U.S. has become a catch phrase and a marketing tool, sustainability in developing nations in many cases is a matter of survival.

In India, the urban population growth, high population density and the difficulty



David Walters / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A panel of international students host "Putting a Face on Global Sustainability" Tuesday night.

in balancing continued development with sustainability all pose challenges.

Proposed solutions include improving public transportation and water treatment. According to information in the presentation, Delhi, India's capital and one of the most densely populated cities in the world, has a "Green Delhi" campaign involving and a specific climate change plan. However, India has a very diverse population and the people have many different needs. Solutions will need to be just as complex as the problems.

Narindra Randrianavony, a student from

Madagascar, has come to the U.S. to study ecotourism in hopes of helping the economy with the tourist industry while still preserving the natural landscape.

"My aim is to go back to my nation and create an eco-lodge and help create sustainable tourism," Randrianavony said.

He has worked extensively with Ranomafana National Park in Madagascar and hopes his time spent studying the U.S. will provide real solutions to sustainability problems and help

Green • 4

Literacy program receives \$24,500 grant

Cocky's Reading Express plans to use Verizon funds to reach more schools

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Cocky's Reading Express, a USC program that takes student volunteers and Cocky to read to students at some of the state's most disadvantaged elementary schools, recently received their largest grant to date.

Verizon Communications announced a \$24,500 donation to Cocky's Reading Express last month, giving the program money to buy more books for donation and to broaden the program's reach.

"This donation is going to be able to take us into more schools and hopefully reach every school district in the state," said Ellen Hinrichs, a staff member in the department of library science. "It's so important because this is often the first book



Courtesy of Andrew Gaeckle

Cocky and student volunteers encourage literacy in South Carolina classrooms by reading to students and donating books as part of Cocky's Reading Express.

these children have ever owned."

Cocky's Reading Express began

in fall 2005 and has given college students a chance to visit elementary

classrooms bearing books to read with and give to students. Claire DeLoach, the program's director, said elementary students can participate in the program with just one condition.

"We make the kids promise to Cocky they'll keep reading because it's so important," DeLoach said. "Literacy is a problem in our state."

DeLoach said around five students visit an elementary school a few times a month. Over Winter Break, a larger group will visit multiple schools in just a few days.

Hinrichs said the program relies on grants — like the one from Verizon — to keep running. No staff members or students are paid to work on the program, and its entire budget typically comes from donations or grants.

That's one of the reasons the Verizon Foundation decided to make the donation, Afton Ellison, a grant administrator with the company, said.

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Cocky scores



Scott Fowler / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Cocky unveiled his "Score with Recycling" T-shirt to promote the Colonial Life Arena's recycling program Tuesday afternoon. The Colonial Life Arena received a grant funded by DHEC and the City of Columbia to help make the arena more environmentally friendly. The grant money will go toward placing recycling containers around the arena as well as areas to collect plastic, aluminum, clear glass and paper. "Not only does this initiative serve to educate the half-a-million visitors that come through the arena each year, but it will also serve as an example for others throughout the state to follow," USC Director of Sustainability Michael Koman said in a press release.



Scott Gardner / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The women's soccer team takes on Western Carolina's Catamounts.

Day in the Life of the women's soccer team

NCAA Sweet 16 athletes are a team both on, off field

Sarah Peterman
STAFF WRITER

While USC may be known as a football school, the women's soccer team has recently moved into the limelight with the team's advancement into the NCAA Sweet 16.

According to team members, they work hard to stay in shape and play the best they can to bring home victories for the Gamecocks. The team practices four days a week for two hours,

and plays two games every weekend during the season. The women also attend team weightlifting sessions, and the team reviews and critiques video from previous games.

"Even when we're not at practice, we're together doing things," said defender Samantha Diaz-Matosas, a fourth-year psychology student.

The team plays just more than 20 games each season, and their ritual before each game is about the same.

"We try to get relaxed and get focused," said forward Brooke Jacobs, a third-year sport and entertainment management student. "I

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CALENDAR

What: Carolina-Clemson Blood Drive
When: 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Where: Russell House Ballroom

What: Hip Hop Wednesday
When: 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Where: RH Patio

What: Student Action with Farmworkers internship interest meeting
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: RH 305

What: NAACP
When: 5 p.m.
Where: RH 305

What: Student Senate Meeting
When: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Senate Chambers

What: College Democrats Meeting
When: 7 p.m.
Where: RH 405

What: SALA Meeting
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: South Quad Lounge

What: Herman Boone
When: 8 p.m.
Where: RH Theater

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Thursday
vs. Clemson
Littlejohn Coliseum
7 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Thursday
vs. La Salle
Charleston Classic
9:30 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Wake Forest
Stone Stadium
7 p.m.

SWIM AND DIVE
Gamecock Invitational
Thursday-Saturday
10:00 a.m.
Carolina Natatorium

VOLLEYBALL
Kentucky
Friday
7 p.m.
Lexington, Ky.

LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL

Politicians mull Sanford’s fate

South Carolina lawmakers took positions on either side of the first formal move to impeach Gov. Mark Sanford on Tuesday, a day before the release of a pivotal decision into the embattled Republican’s travel practices. Four Republican legislators sponsored a measure that calls for Sanford’s impeachment solely based on his five-day trip to see his Argentine mistress in June. They said his absence, failure to appoint someone to run the state while he was away, and leading staff to believe he was hiking the Appalachian Trail resulted in dereliction of duty and brought “extreme dishonor and shame” on the state. A top state Republican said heftier allegations would be needed for an impeachment move against the two-term governor, but proponents said they believed Sanford’s summertime trip alone amounted to serious misconduct. “I don’t need any more than that,” said state Rep. Greg Delleney, the Chester Republican who authored the measure and who for months has called for the governor to step down. Ben Fox, the governor’s spokesman, declined to comment on the measure, which was filed on the first day bills could be introduced for consideration when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

NATIONAL

Teen claims freedom violated

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — A New Jersey high school student claims in a federal lawsuit that school administrators violated her First Amendment free-speech and religious-freedom rights when they said she couldn’t participate in a day of silent protest against abortion. The girl, identified in court papers as C.H., says she asked the Bridgeton High School principal last month for permission to join in the Pro Life Day of Silent Solidarity, a worldwide protest organized each year by Stand True, a ministry in Troy, Ohio. But the principal said no, telling her she couldn’t do anything “religious,” according to her lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Camden by a lawyer hired by the Alliance Defense Fund, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based legal group that takes on religious freedom cases on behalf of Christians.

INTERNATIONAL

Obama, Hu vow cooperation

BEIJING — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao promised a determined, joint effort to tackle climate change, nuclear disarmament and other global troubles yet emerged from their first full-blown summit Tuesday with scant progress beyond goodwill. After two hours of talks and a separate meeting over dinner the night before, the presidents spoke of moving beyond the divisiveness over human rights, trade and military tensions that have bedeviled relations in past decades. “The major challenges of the 21st century, from climate change to nuclear proliferation to economic recovery, are challenges that touch both our nations, and challenges that neither of our nations can solve by acting alone,” Obama said, standing with the Chinese leader in the Great Hall of the People. Hu, who heads a collective leadership that often has preferred to go it alone internationally, said: “There are growing global challenges, and countries in today’s world have become more and more interdependent.”

PIC OF THE DAY



Chad Simmons / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Executive Chef Jules Pernell reveals the uses of the Burgundy Truffles and the difference between regular and dessert truffles as part of International Culture Week.

WEIRD HEADLINES

‘Unfriend’ Is Word of the Year
NEW YORK — What word sums up 2009? How about “unfriend”?

That’s the New Oxford American Dictionary’s 2009 Word of the Year. It means to remove someone as a friend on a social networking Web site such as Facebook.

‘Blair Witch’ thieves prompt new signs in Md. town
BURKITTSVILLE, Md. — The small Maryland town where “The Blair Witch Project” was set has some new welcome signs. Please don’t steal them.

The new signs have little resemblance to the older-style black-and-white signs with cursive script shown briefly in the hit 1999 horror film. Souvenir seekers repeatedly stole those. The new sign is blue with white letters and red stars. It notes that the town of fewer than 200 people was established in 1824 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Fla. police seek alleged bad breath bank robber

TAMARAC, Fla. — Authorities in Florida are searching for an alleged bank robber with “notably bad breath” who asked a teller to fill an orange Halloween bag with cash. The Broward County sheriff’s office says the man wore sunglasses when he held up the TD Bank branch in South Florida on Monday morning.

Turkey on NJ Turnpike causes havoc, evades capture

TRENTON, N.J. — Authorities have stopped trying to capture a wild turkey that calls Interchange 14B on the New Jersey Turnpike home. The bird has been causing havoc for toll collectors and motorists as it runs across toll booths, plays in traffic, and sits atop toll collectors’ parked cars.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1883**
At exactly noon, American and Canadian railroads begin using four continental time zones to end the confusion of dealing with thousands of local times. The bold move was emblematic of the power shared by the railroad companies.
- 1916**
Douglas Haig, commander of the British Expeditionary Force in World War I, calls off the Battle of the Somme in France after nearly five months of mass slaughter.
- 1863**
President Abraham Lincoln boards a train for Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to deliver a short speech at the dedication for the cemetery of soldiers killed during the battle there on July 1 to 3, 1863. The address he gave became perhaps the most famous speech in American history.
- 1978**
People’s Temple leader Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in remote northwestern Guyana. The few cult members who refused to take the cyanide-laced fruit-flavored concoction were either forced to do so at gunpoint or shot as they fled. The final death toll was 913, including 276 children.
- 1991**
Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon free Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite after more than four years of captivity. Waite, looking thinner and his hair grayer, was freed along with American educator Thomas M. Sutherland after intense negotiations by the United Nations.
- 1996**
Tony Silva, a world-renowned expert and outspoken protector of exotic birds, is sentenced to seven years in prison without parole for leading an illegal parrot smuggling operation.

H1N1 UPDATE

Student Health Services will offer a clinic to distribute the live, attenuated intranasal H1N1 flu vaccine today from noon to 5 p.m. on the main level of the Thomson Student Health Center. These vaccines will only be available to faculty, staff and students with their CarolinaCard. There is no charge for the vaccine.

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, the intranasal vaccine will be made available to healthy faculty, staff and students under the age of 49 as long as they:

- are in good health
- are not pregnant
- are not living with or caring for children six months or younger
- are not caring for someone with a chronic health condition or compromised immunity
- do not have chronic health conditions
- do not have a weakened immune system

The injectable vaccine will not be available. The current supply of the H1N1 flu vaccine is limited, and this clinic is one of many that SHS will offer as additional vaccines are made available. Visit www.sc.edu/flu for updates on future clinics and information on how to prevent the flu.

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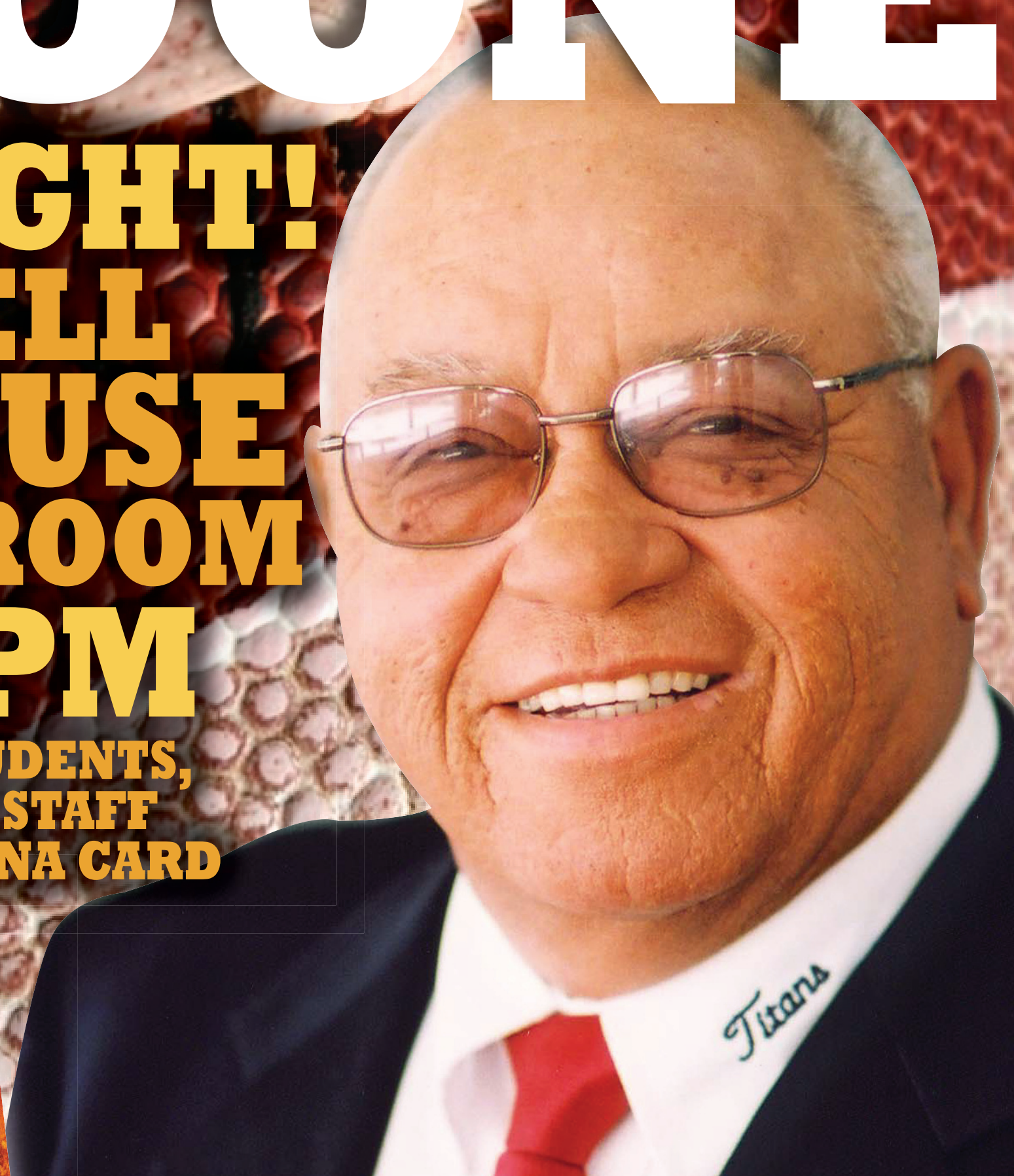
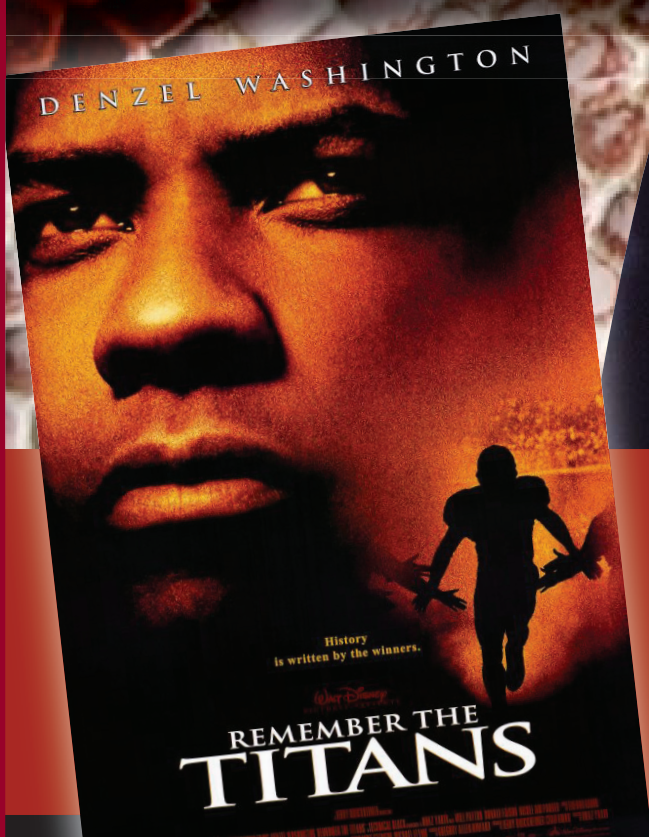


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listen to music and think about the game and what I need to do.”

The soccer players aren’t only responsible for knowing their position and staying in great shape, but keeping up with their academics, as well.

While they work together as a unit, the team comprises of 36 girls from all over the nation.

“We’re a very diverse team,” Diaz-Matosas said.

“We’re dynamic on and off the field.”

Even though the players are all very different, team members say they are teammates before anything else.

“I love being on the team with such great girls,” Jacobs said.

A love for soccer unites them all.

“I don’t know what I’d do without soccer in my life,” Jacobs said. “It’s something I know I can go out and play

and have no worries.”

Jacobs said the fans play and important roll in the team’s success.

“Even though we go to a big football school, we still get great fan support,” Jacobs said. “The fans who are up and cheering get us motivated to go out there and play.”

Fan support is especially important to the team now as they approach each game in the NCAA tournament.

“When there’s a lot of fans, you know you’re playing not just for the team, but for them too,” said goalkeeper Mollie Patton, a fourth-year pharmacy student. “It’s great to know that there are so many people behind you who are cheering for you.”

The team faces Wake Forest Friday at 7 p.m. at Stone Stadium.

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“Literacy is one of our big focuses with our grants, and we see this program as a way to take reading to children who don’t get it now,” she said. “It’s just a great initiative.”

The money won’t just go into more books, DeLoach and Hinrich said. Some of it will be used to assess effectiveness in the program.

“We want to go back into the same schools we’ve already visited and ask the kids, ‘Are y’all reading your books,’” DeLoach said. “We want to see the results of what we’re doing.”

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both the local population and the environment.

Eco-fair trade is Christopher Aluah’s plan for creating sustainable development in Ghana.

“Our goal is for healthy people and healthy development,” Aluah, a public health master’s student, said.

Through the “Peanut Project,” farmers are able to get a fair trade price for their crops, which strengthens the economy and allows more youth to receive education.

According to Aluah, since the farmers are earning a fair wage, there is less pressure to overharvest the land, which causes environmental degradation.

“We want to provide the framework for communities to organize

themselves into a farmers-based organization,” Aluah said.

Just as sustainable energy is a difficult issue in the U.S., South Korea also faces challenges with high levels of emissions and a lack of alternative energy options.

While the challenge of creating sustainability in a developing nation was clear, each of the students also offered creative solutions.

“I like knowing specific strategies for sustainability and global improvement,” said Brooke McAbee, a second-year English student. “I like the interaction and all of the different ideas.”

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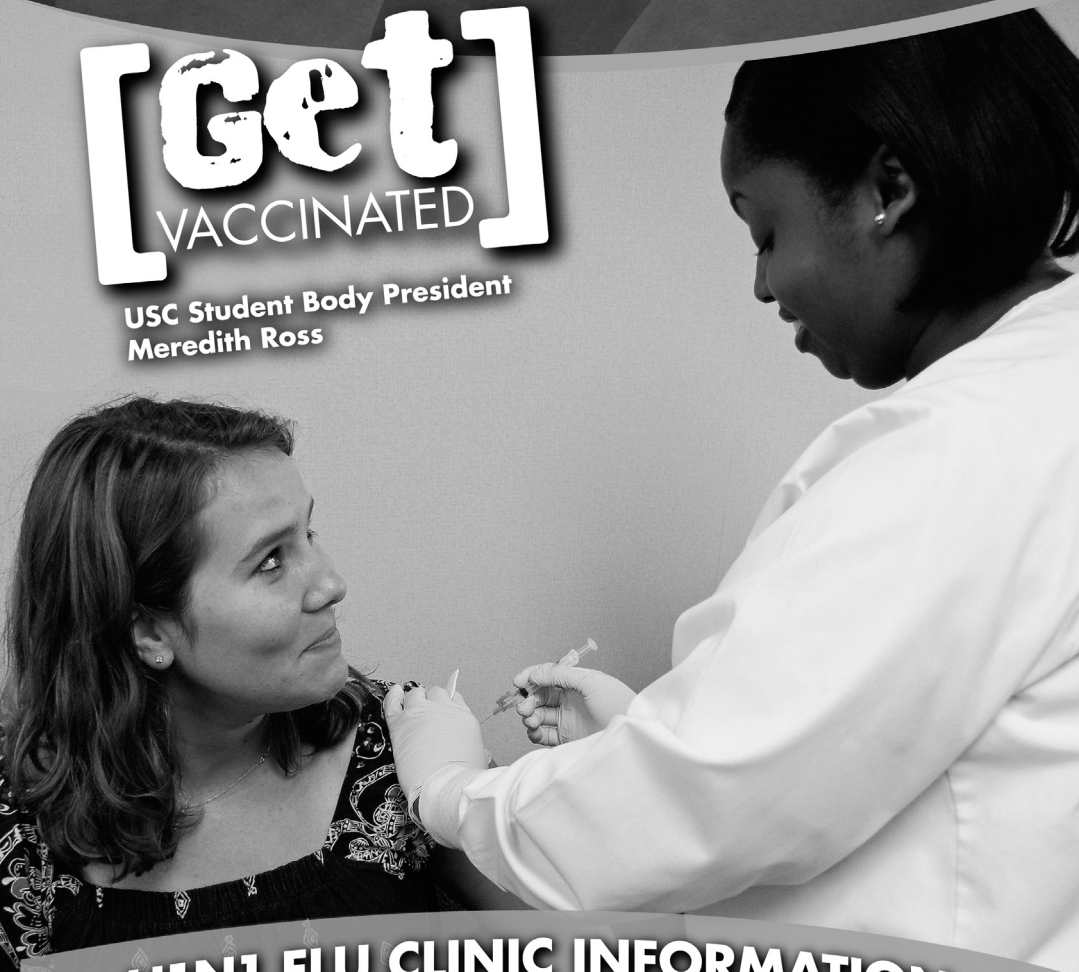
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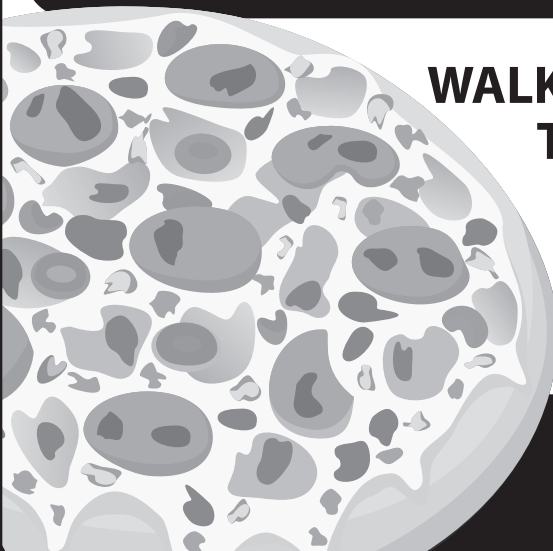
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Stereotyping homeless smacks of ignorance

As an assignment for an English 101 course, one professor had students write their thoughts on homelessness — and the responses are an embarrassment to USC.

When students privileged to attend a state university throw their views of those who struggle into the gutter, it's easy to see the line between book smart and genuinely intelligent.

“These people are simply victims of a cycle that leaves them with few options.”

Along with sex, politics and religion, the subject of the homeless has become an area of taboo, with people split between sympathies and disdain towards those who find themselves living in homeless shelters or under bridges.

Though homeless rates have declined, all around the country — and explicitly in Columbia — the ongoing economic crisis has left people in difficult financial situations. One would think that a dose of reality would make people at least somewhat more considerate to lifestyles and circumstances they don't understand themselves.

The truth is that throwing the views of the homeless under an umbrella is ignorant at best. Yes, there some of these people may deserve to find themselves where they are now by decisions they've made. However it is a gross generalization to think that every person scraping to get by at the food shelter or on the corner of Greene and Harden streets got there because they didn't try.

As educated people, we should know better than to make harsh generalizations before understanding the issue at hand. Plenty of people are born into their circumstances, find themselves there when things beyond their control take toll on their lives — mental and physical handicaps, the loss of a job or family, a disaster, an economic crisis that can turn even the educated and experienced out to the streets.

The truth is, sometimes life just happens.

As we sit in our heated classrooms with our soy lattes, freaking out about if we are going to get an internship this summer or job after graduation in May, we should think about these people who simply are victims of a cycle that leaves them with few options to better their circumstances, whether by fault of their own or not.



OPINION GRAB BAG

Columnists weigh in on if space exploration, research has faded out in US

“I don't think taxpayers should be forced to pay billions to send a large refrigerator into space. Allow private companies to do space exploration; they already provide satellites.”
— Will Potter

“Space exploration is, in theory, interesting, but the fact is that once we land astronauts on Mars there won't be any planet close enough to go to. Without significant technology increases, requiring significant increases in taxpayer dollars, we won't have the speed to reach farther planets. Plus, we don't need a moon base, that's ridiculous. But a Death Star would be cool.”
— Ryan Quinn

“Space exploration has definitely faded out. Surprisingly the Atlantis just went into space, which is the first time in a while where I have heard of a shuttle going into space. I think space exploration is important, but there is nothing significantly cool enough to discover right now worth our tax dollars.”
— Marilyn Joyner

“Although I do not think space exploration is an imminent need with our current economic situation, I do think it is something that should continue due to the fact that we know very little about space.”
— Pari Fakhrzadeh

“I think research and exploration in space is very important for the country, but I think its hard to justify the costs in these tough economic times.”
— Jeremy Aaron

“I think space exploration has faded out, but in a couple hundred years there won't be enough room for humans to live on earth. What they need to research is how to build a colony in space. Or we could all grow gills.”
— Bryan Wendland

Professors should go easy with course load

With holidays coming up, instructors could reduce pressure to give students rest

It's getting to that time of year when students experience the cruel combination of excitement for the upcoming holidays and the crushing stress of a full workload.

Thanksgiving is a week away but the word “vacation” must not be one recognized by the majority of USC faculty – well, maybe it is, but only if the context pertains to them.

As for the students, we are the ones who suffer under the hands that wield red pen. It's been a common complaint for years that teachers don't seem to realize that we have obligations and classes outside of theirs, yet what changes have been made to remedy this school workload problem? There are still projects and reports for each class and almost every one of them has been scheduled to be completed during this fateful week prior to Thanksgiving. Every year since I

have attended this school, it never fails that come Turkey Day I will be more consumed by school work than family time or pumpkin pie.

If you're lucky, a professor will take pity on your haggard class and lighten your academic burden by extending a deadline or removing an “unnecessary” exam in order to give more time for students to complete their assignments with ease. These professors are saints. However, more often than not, the plea for an extension will only earn you a lecture on time management.

And yes, as students training for the real world, time management should be a skill that we constantly hone, no matter the difficulties of cramming a 30-hour workload into a 24-hour day. But sometimes that's just not possible, especially given this time of year. With holidays fast approaching, students are working overtime to afford gifts and/or rent, registration for next semester's classes, planning to study abroad, preparing for finals and

making plans for living outside the dorms during winter break. Now does not seem to be the most feasible time to require presentations and reports expecting to be delivered to perfection.

The most obvious solution that I could find for this dilemma was to move the due dates of these projects. Honestly, the most convenient time for all parties involved would be to change the deadlines to the last week of October or first week of November. This time period is a safe distance away from midterms and doesn't interfere with our welcomed holiday vacation. After all, it's not really a vacation if you spend it grading papers or stressing about a nine page report.

So help us out a little bit, professors, and lighten our Thanksgiving workload. I'm sure there is room in the syllabus to space out these projects. And if it's too late for switching deadlines, then my only advice to students is to take it in stride. Yes, it sucks to work over the holidays but don't let it turn you into a scrooge. If you get the work done now, the only thing weighing you down next week will be your family's Thanksgiving meal. Happy Holidays!



Mandi Sordelet
Fourth-year public relations student

IT'S YOUR RIGHT

The goal of The Daily Gamecock's Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community. All published authors are expected to provide logical arguments to back their views.

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‘A Christmas Carol’ lacks holiday joy

*Adaptation forsakes emotions
for technology, spectacle*

Jimmy Gilmore
STAFF WRITER

A Christmas Carol NOW IN THEATERS

★ ★ out of ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Starring: Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman, Colin Firth

Run Time: 96 minutes

Rating: PG

Disney has filmed Charles Dickens’ classic novella “A Christmas Carol” three times — once as a Mickey Mouse vehicle, again with the Muppets, and now in 3-D motion capture animation.

Director of “Forrest Gump”, Robert Zemeckis is one of the few directors trying to make a legitimate plea for both motion capture animation and new 3-D technologies, even if his case rests on the visually stunning, yet absolutely hollow films “The Polar Express” and “Beowulf.”

His adaptation of “A Christmas Carol” is so straightforward and obvious that its small 96-minute runtime feels boring and over done. Taking such a familiar and traditional story seems to make Zemeckis feel like he can completely disregard the need to fill his version with any emotion and spontaneity.

The result is visually breathtaking and artificially interesting, but lacks the joy of the most routine rendition of “Jingle Bells.”

Jim Carrey steps into the role of London grinch Ebenezer Scrooge, also lending his voice to the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. His performances run the gamut of variety and creativity as Carrey tries to twist and exaggerate his voice.

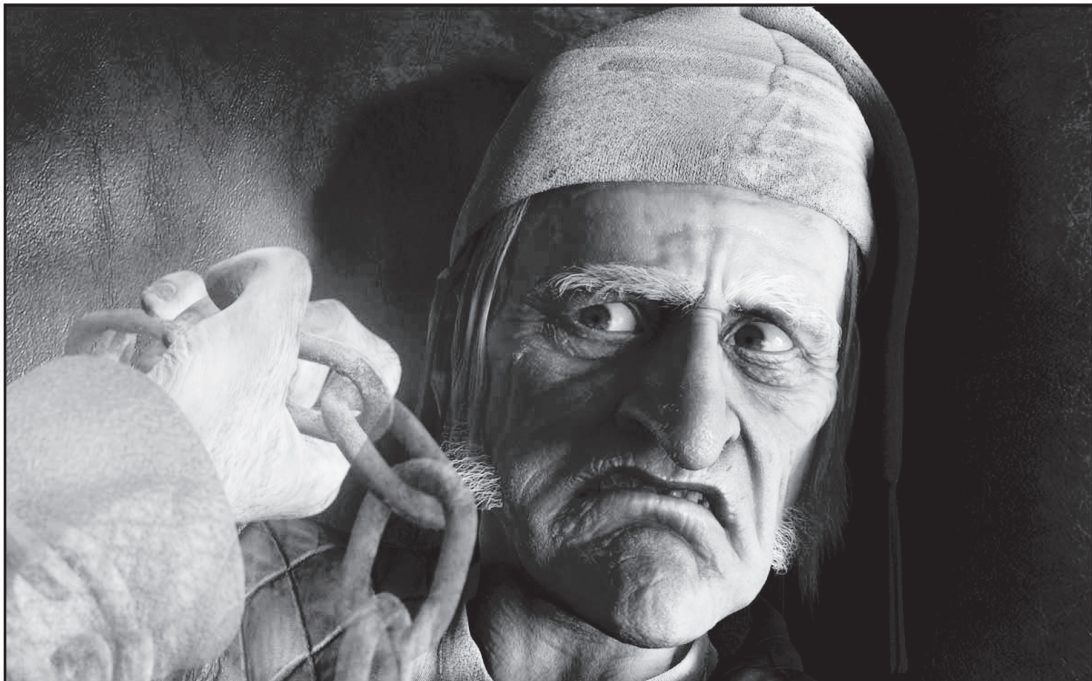
As much oddball eccentricity as he tries to interject into the film, Carrey fails to accent Scrooge’s dramatic emotional arc. Though the motion capture does a suitable job of mimicking his manical facial expressions, the animation prevents Carrey from fully engaging with Scrooge’s spiritual crisis.

At any given moment, it always feels like Carrey is trying to “play” old. Perhaps the totality of the animation process prevents him from doing more than throwing on accents and playing with voices.

The motion capture animation, especially when combined with the 3-D technology, gives director Zemeckis seemingly unprecedented control over the frame. Cinematographer Robert Presley finds ways to swerve and dash around London buildings, twist around pedestrians, and push the foreground to the extreme.

Intricate detail is placed on crafting these environments, especially the more fantastic journeys the Spirits of Christmas take Scrooge on. To the film’s extreme detriment, there is an overwhelming burden placed on adventure and spectacle.

Zemeckis seems too often bound up in trying to present the full possibilities of his technology. He’s in love with creating both photorealistic and highly stylized images, but this fascination seems to displace the interior



Courtesy of Disney

In the Robert Zemeckis-directed “A Christmas Carol,” comedic actor Jim Carrey takes on numerous roles including the curmudgeonly Scrooge and the ghosts who haunt him.

struggle for redemption so crucial to Dickens’ fable.

Alan Silvestri’s score intersperses bars of traditional joyous Christmas songs throughout the film, but this version thankfully highlights the darker implications of Dickens’ story by emphasizing creepy ghosts and dread. Yet, there is also a hollowness to this film that relies so heavily on its technology. Its themes and emotions are as dead as the skin tone and eyes of the background characters.

For every moment of staggering animation, there is another that more closely resembles

a run-of-the-mill video game. This version of “A Christmas Carol” leaves no lasting impression and acts as a serviceable but completely unmemorable adaptation. It feels less like it’s trying to honor its source material than it feels like a filmmaker clamoring for an excuse to further his technology, aimlessly jumping from plot point to plot point and trying to win admiration while forgetting to win affection.

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Thanksgiving on the Cheap

**Quick holiday recipes to bring the cheer
of home to your dorm room**

Colin Jones
MIX EDITOR

Thanksgiving in a Sandwich

While many students may be making the trek home from campus next week for Thanksgiving with their families, other students are staying behind for a college-style holiday. For those with light wallets or an abhorrence of basting and stuffing a turkey, here are some cheap, easy and equally delicious festive recipes.

- 4 sandwich rolls
- 1/3 cup cranberry sauce
- 1 small head of lettuce
- 1/2 cup gravy, warmed
- 1/3 cup walnuts, chopped
- 3/4 pound sliced turkey

Begin by toasting the rolls. Spread cranberry sauce onto the rolls and add the lettuce and walnuts. Place the turkey onto the bottom and drizzle with gravy. Place together and enjoy.

-Via Foodnetwork.com

Perfect Mashed Potatoes

- 1 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and quartered length-wise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon milk
- Salt and pepper

1. Put potatoes into a saucepan. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add water until potatoes are covered. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer, cover for 15-20 minutes, or until done — a fork can easily be poked through them.
2. Warm cream and melt butter together, either in microwave or in a pan on the stove. Drain water from potatoes. Put hot potatoes into a bowl. Add cream and melted butter. Use potato masher to mash potatoes until well mashed. Use a strong spoon to beat further, adding milk to achieve the consistency you desire. (Do not over-beat or your potatoes will get gluey.) Salt and pepper to taste.

-Via simplyrecipes.com

White Chocolate Party Mix

- 5 cups Cheerios
- 5 cups Corn Chex
- 10 ounces bag mini-pretzels
- 2 cups salted peanuts
- 1 pound bag M&M’s
- 24 ounces white chocolate
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Mix first five ingredients. Pour onto wax paper-lined large cookie sheet.

Melt chocolate and oil in microwavable bowl at 50 percent power. Pour over mixture and toss to coat. Let cool and break into pieces.

-Via Amanda Davis

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While students may not be able to make it home for the holidays, they can still enjoy the comforts of Thanksgiving, including turkey with stuffing and assorted vegetables.

But for those who want to know how to cook a mouth-watering turkey, here's the lowdown:

Turkey with Stuffing

- 1 (10- to 12-pound) turkey, with giblets removed
- 1 quart chicken broth
- 2 ounces dried mushrooms
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus extra for rubbing on turkey
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, plus extra for seasoning turkey
- 3 cups Challah bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (from approximately 4 to 5 slices)
- 4 ounces unsweetened dried cherries, approximately 1 cup
- 2 ounces chopped pecans, approximately 1/2 cup
- 2 whole eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons dried rubbed sage
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus extra for seasoning chicken
- Special equipment: One reusable organic cotton produce bag*

Directions:

*Cook's note: The bag is optional. Once the stuffing is made, you can place the stuffing into the bag and then place the bag into the cavity of the turkey.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Place the turkey into a deep bowl on its end with the stuffing end up. Set aside.

Heat the chicken broth in the microwave in a large microwave-proof container. Place mushrooms in a glass bowl and pour heated broth over them. Cover and allow to sit for 35 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl toss the onion, celery, and green pepper with the oil and salt. Place the vegetables on a sheet pan and roast for 35 minutes. During the last 10 minutes of cooking, spread the cubed bread over the vegetables, return to the oven, and continue cooking.

Drain mushrooms, reserving one cup of liquid. Chop the mushrooms and place in a large microwave-proof bowl with the vegetables and bread, reserved chicken stock, cherries, pecans, eggs, sage, parsley and black pepper. Stir well in order to break up pieces of bread. Use your hands to combine, if necessary. Heat the stuffing in a microwave on high power for six minutes.

While the stuffing is heating, rub the bird with oil. Working quickly, place the stuffing into the cavity of the turkey to avoid losing heat. Place the turkey into a roasting pan, on a rack, and season with salt and pepper. Place the roasting pan on the middle rack of the oven. Roast for 45 minutes and then reduce the heat to 350 degrees F and cook for another 60 to 75 minutes or until the bird reaches an internal temperature of 170 degrees F. Serve immediately.

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Ohio rockers return

Devo plans to record first album in twenty years

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Devo plans to release its first new studio album in 20 years in 2010, but the band that's touring now is rooted firmly in the late '70s and early '80s.

Four original members, plus a younger drummer, Josh Freese, are revisiting their two most noteworthy albums, both just re-released by Warner Brothers. First is the taut, guitar-driven debut, "Q: Are We Not Men? A: We Are Devo!" perhaps best known for the herky-jerky cover of the Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." Then, the philosophy-minded new wavers exchange their yellow jumpsuits for red Energy Domes to perform their synth-happy commercial breakthrough, "Freedom of Choice," which spawned the band's signature hit, "Whip It."

Singer/songwriter/keyboardsist Mark Mothersbaugh, a prolific soundtrack composer with works including "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," "Rugrats," most of Wes Anderson's films, said he wasn't keen on the idea of performing entire albums until the band re-created "Are We Not Men?" at an All Tomorrow's Parties concert in London in May.

"I just totally wasn't convinced when we rehearsed it, and then we played

it, and then all of a sudden I started thinking, I could think of about 50 bands I would love to go hear them play their first album," Mothersbaugh said.

Here are some highlights of our conversation:

The show's format: "It's short and sweet. We show some films first, from the day. And then come out and play the album starting on Side 1, Track 1, and play Side 1 of the record, immediately flip it over and play Side 2 without any interruptions. We do an encore with a couple of later songs just to kind of help ease the pain of albums (being) 35 minutes, 40 minutes long."

On trying to stay true to the original recordings: "I'm trying to get back into that kind of eunuchy, chipmunky sound I used to have. My voice is lower now just in general. Puberty finally set in."

On whether he thinks "Are We Not Men?" and "Freedom of Choice" are Devo's best two albums: "Devo: EZ Listening Muzak' is my favorite album."

Whether "Freedom of Choice" was a conscious pop move: "We thought we were doing Devo's version of an R&B record. We liked stuff like the Ohio Players and wanted to get a little bit of that into our sound. ... I mean, you know, how R&B is Devo going to sound?"

Whether the band knew "Whip It" would be a big hit: "No, we thought 'Girl U Want' was a hit. We thought that was a great song."

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Classic will test USC's team depth

Tourney will tell about basketball's new additions

The USC basketball team will play three games in four days in the Charleston Classic this weekend, beginning with Thursday's contest against La Salle. This will be no small task but should give good insight into Carolina's depth.

In Charleston, the Gamecocks know they'll be playing La Salle, and then either Davidson or South Florida. In their third game of the tournament, Carolina will face either Penn State, Miami, Tulane, or UNC-Wilmington. With a chance at facing as many as two major-conference schools over the weekend, the Gamecocks can boost their strength of schedule, something that hurt Carolina when it came to NCAA tournament selection time last March.

One of the major storylines coming out of the next week and a half will be how the team can respond to a rigorous schedule. After the three tournament games, the Gamecocks will head home to play Jacksonville on Nov. 27.

Last year, South Carolina suffered from a bench that couldn't carry the load for the team when the starters needed to take a breather. However, the Gamecock bench is deeper this year with the addition of freshmen guards Ramon Galloway and Sephan Spinella, junior transfer forward Johndre Jefferson and freshman small forward Lakeem Jackson, who has stepped into a starting role.

Through their first two games, the four newcomers have averaged a combined 16 points per game, with Galloway leading the way with 14 points so far this year. Gamecock coach Darrin Horn was impressed with the effort from Carolina's newcomers this past Monday against Georgia Southern.

"It was good to see Lakeem and Ramon play like I think they can, they were aggressive and out there playing and making stuff happen. Those are things that we have to continue to build on, it's early and we have a lot of work to do," Horn said.

One of the Gamecocks' problems last year was that the starting five had to do most of the work. The six Gamecocks who played the least for Carolina represented 30.8 percent of the minutes accumulated by the team but only 17.8 percent of their points.

This year, through two games, the bench for the Gamecocks has played in 42.8 percent of the minutes for the team and has accumulated 30.3 percent of the team's points. This is a better trend than last year and hopefully will prove to indicate the team's depth. The stretch of games over the next week or so should help to indicate if the Gamecock bench can help carry the load for the team.



Ed Neuhaus
Third-year broadcast journalism student

Where are they now Terry Cousin

Ex-USC defensive back now working as radio sideline reporter

Chris Cox
SPORTS EDITOR

Terry Cousin's career at South Carolina has come full circle.

A four-year letterwinner for the Gamecocks from 1993-96, Cousin left Columbia and ventured on a 12-year career in the NFL — one of which ended in a Super Bowl berth with the Carolina Panthers.

But now, Cousin has returned to his former stamping grounds as the sideline reporter for Gamecock Sports Radio — where he provides analysis on USC football games.

"I never thought I would be but I always wanted to bring something back to South Carolina," Cousin said. "This school's done so much for me."

The move home hasn't been a regret to Cousin, who finds himself enjoying every minute of the process.

"It's been fun. It's something I always felt I should be doing," Cousin said. "I get the perspective of the players lives."

It was a surprising move for Cousin, who after playing for seven NFL teams over his career, somehow found his way back to his former school.

"You never know how long you're going to play. It was four years, then eight, then 10," Cousin said. "I'm like, 'Man, I played 12 years in the NFL.' Obviously I was a damn good player to play that long."

After his playing career ended, Cousin contacted Gamecock Sports Properties General Manager Liz McMillan, expressing interest in the job before receiving a surprising response.

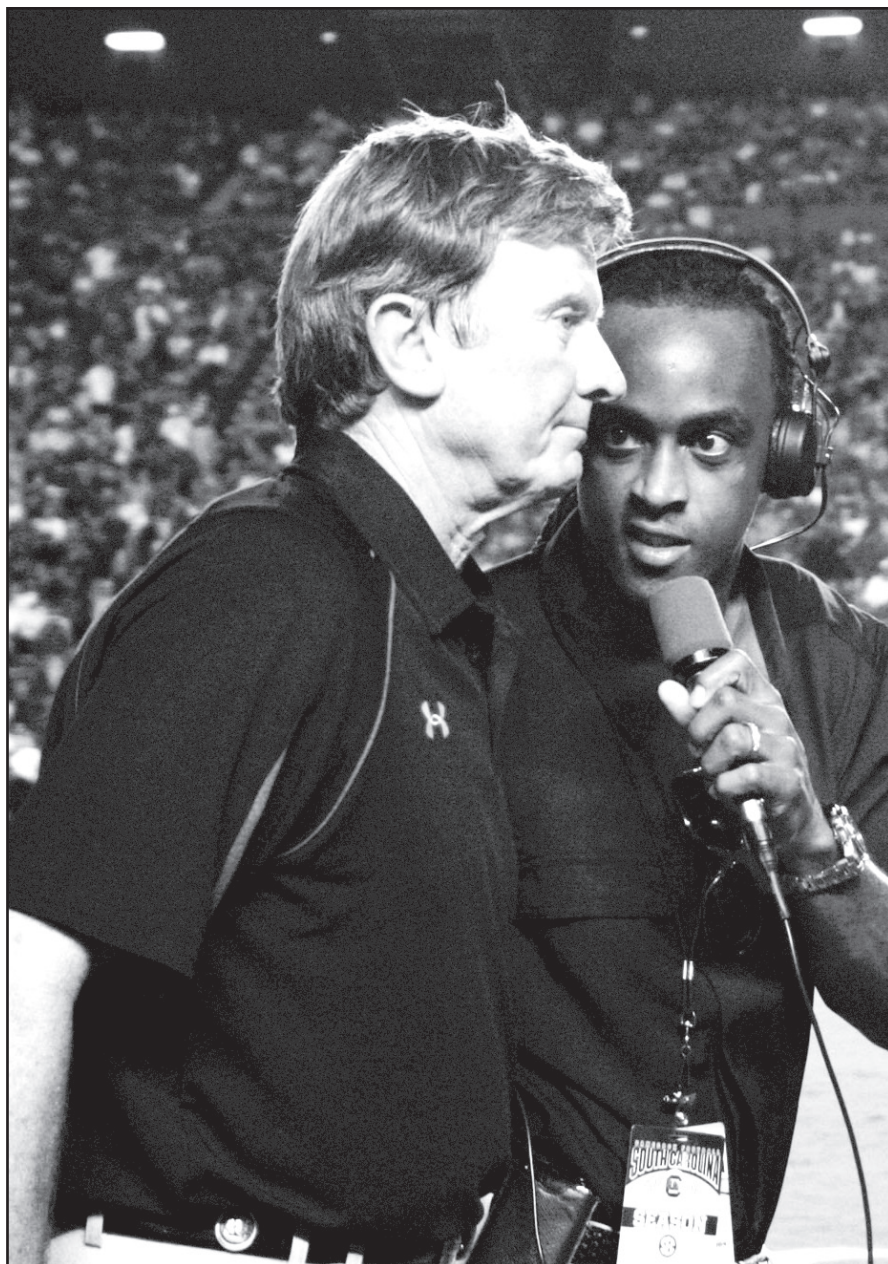
"[I told McMillan that] if there was anything in the future that was open then give me a call," Cousin recalled. "I made a follow-up and she said, 'Terry, I have something for you.'"

Now, instead of roaming the sidelines as a player, Cousin gets the halftime perspective of USC coach Steve Spurrier. But according to Cousin, the best part of the job is his relationship with the Gamecock athletes themselves.

"Just being around them, getting a chance to help them," Cousin said. "I give people a chance to see who Chris Culliver really is, who Stephon Gilmore really is."

Cousin, who rates his favorite memories as a Gamecock as the first-ever bowl win over West Virginia in '95 and his pick-six senior year against Arkansas, believes that the future is bright for Gamecock football despite the late-season slides.

"We're there. We're right there,"



Kara Roache / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Terry Cousin interviews Steve Spurrier at halftime of the FAU game this year.

Cousin said. "One more recruiting class and one more season, this season, under our belts and we'll be able to beat the juggernauts of the SEC."

With several starters returning to Williams-Brice Stadium next season, Cousin believes the best is yet to come for Gamecock faithful — despite the 'wait till next year' continually inhabiting the thoughts

of fans.

"It's going to be a heck of a year for those guys," Cousin said. "The best is yet to come."

And if the best is indeed yet to come, expect Cousin to be enjoying the ride from the sidelines of Williams-Brice Stadium.

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SEC POWER RANKINGS WEEK 11

James Kratch
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

1. FLORIDA

(NC — defeated USC 24-14)

The Gamecocks came awfully close to taking a late lead against the No. 1 Gators (10-0, 8-0), but UF was able to do what they've done all year long — find a way. They've got a scrimmage this weekend against Florida International, and it's hard to see them losing to Florida State in the season finale, so the defending champions should role in to Atlanta undefeated and still in the top spot.

2. ALABAMA

(No Change — defeated Mississippi State 31-3)

The Bulldogs had hung with the No. 1 team and the No. 3 team in the SEC in past weeks. Team No. 2 didn't have that fate. The Crimson Tide (10-0, 7-0) stomped MSU, and like the Gators, only have a creampuff (Chattanooga) and a rivalry game (Auburn) standing between them and 12-0.

3. LSU

(No Change — defeated Louisiana Tech 24-16)

Normally, a near miss against Louisiana Tech would mean a drop in the polls. Fortunately for the Tigers (8-2, 4-2) everybody below them lost. LSU is likely playing for the Capital One Bowl now, but Ole Miss and Arkansas down the stretch should keep their focus.

4. OLE MISS

(Up 4 — defeated Tennessee 42-17)

It's been a rough climb back to the top for the Rebels (7-3, 3-3), but they're back. With Saturday's 42-17 triumph, Ole Miss made a big step towards regaining some respectability, and maybe a 10-win season.

5. ARKANSAS

(Up 1 — defeated Troy 56-20)

The Trojans aren't a pushover by any means, but they had absolutely no answer for the high-powered offense of the Razorbacks (6-4, 2-4). With stud quarterback Ryan Mallett at the helm, the Hogs have a shot to win out and grab a Cotton Bowl berth. It won't be easy though; Ole Miss and then a date in Baton Rouge with LSU for the "Golden Boot" lies ahead.

6. TENNESSEE

(Down 2 — lost to Ole Miss 42-17)

The Vols (5-5, 2-4) suffered their first setback in a while in the Coach O Bowl, but all hope is not lost on Rocky Top. With only Kentucky and Vanderbilt left, UT should have no problems winning out and positioning itself for a good bowl game -- an accomplishment that may get Lane Kiffin SEC Coach of the Year honors.

7. GEORGIA

(Up 2 — defeated Auburn 31-24)

This hasn't been a very enjoyable season for the Dawgs (6-4, 4-3) but a win over Kentucky this weekend will put them back in their usual spot — second place in the East — before a trip to Atlanta for some good ol' fashioned hate against Georgia Tech.

8. AUBURN

(Down 3 — lost to Georgia 31-24)

The Fighting Chiziks (7-4, 3-4) have really hit a skid, as they've lost four of six games after a 5-0 start. However, the Tigers will still be going to a bowl game regardless of what happens in their showdown with Alabama, and that's a lot more than most expected coming into the year.

9. SOUTH CAROLINA

(Down 2 — lost to Florida 24-14)

Usually a valiant performance like USC (6-5, 3-5) put in against the Gators would mean their ranking held steady, but too many teams below the Gamecocks made moves last weekend. That being said, with the fluidity of the SEC beyond the Top Three, a big win against Clemson would send Carolina back up the board.

10. KENTUCKY

(Up 1 — defeated Vanderbilt 24-13)

A late-game surge kept the Wildcats (6-4, 3-3) from falling to Vandy, got them bowl-eligible and put them in a position that, with two upsets of Georgia and Tennessee in the next two games, UK could finish second in the SEC East. Likely? No. Out of the question? Absolutely not.

11. MISSISSIPPI STATE

(Down 1 — lost to Alabama 31-3)

State (4-6, 2-4) wasn't able to make the third upset bid a charm against Alabama, but they still have a bowl game to play for. It won't be easy against Ole Miss and Arkansas, but if Dan Mullen's squad can play their best football the next two weeks, it's a reachable goal.

12. VANDERBILT

(No Change — lost to Kentucky 24-13)

There's only so many ways you can breakdown the rough season that the Commodores (2-9, 0-7) have endured this fall. However, coach Bobby Johnson, a Columbia native, has several talented young ballplayers, so when those guys get some experience under their belts, the

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